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EDITORS' PREFACE

The first issue of the Review's twentieth volume presents two substantial works by leading faculty members of the Case Western Reserve School of Law. In his study of the Lake Erie pollution problem, Professor Arnold W. Reitze, Jr. details the technical factors of water pollution. He then analyzes the law's response and the administrative politics that kept that response from becoming effective. Finally, Professor Reitze offers an overview wherein he outlines what must be done to keep Lake Erie, and other major bodies of water, from becoming marshy, open-air sewers.

In his article which chronicles and questions the role of municipal courts in Ohio cities, Professor Lewis R. Katz presents for the first time publicly part of his findings from a year and a half study of the administration of criminal justice in Ohio. Concluding that these courts are wholly inadequate, Professor Katz proposes a radical restructuring of our municipal court system by moving much of those courts' jurisdiction to neighborhood "Community Councils," staffed and presided over by laymen, indigenous to the neighborhoods.

The single Note in this issue represents an experiment in interdisciplinary analysis. By applying modern decision theory and traditional political science, the student author derives an understandable pattern in Soviet international law theory. The thrust of this Note is the proposal for a new strategy in international legal relations (political and social) in this era of the East-West détente.